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GOV. EASLEY ADDRESSES LEADERS AT FREIGHT MOBILITY AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SUMMIT

WILMINGTON—Gov. Mike Easley today addressed a group of state and business leaders from across North Carolina at the Freight Mobility and Economic Prosperity Summit in Wilmington. This summit, hosted by the N.C. Department of Transportation and the N.C. State Ports Authority, served as a forum to discuss how North Carolina can improve freight movement across the state.

"Today's economy is a highly competitive global marketplace and to be successful, we must move goods as quickly as possible," said Easley. "I called for this summit to hear from a full range of leaders on how North Carolina can improve the connections between different transportation modes and move freight cheaper and faster across the state."

Easley stressed the importance of having a solid transportation infrastructure with efficient connectivity and mobility to keep jobs in North Carolina as well as to attract new ones. He also reiterated his commitment to keeping the state competitive and stimulating the economy.

This was the first in a series of three forums being held to bring together a full range of users of the state's transportation system. The goal is to use the dialogue from these forums to create a transportation network that moves goods seamlessly from one mode of travel to another as well as safe, reliable movement in between. Other forums will be held in Charlotte and the Triad.

"By making strategic investments in our transportation infrastructure we are laying the foundation for future economic prosperity for the citizens of North Carolina," said Easley.

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